

# American Fencing

## The Third Bolivarian Games

by Tracy Jaeckel

The fencing events in these Games held at Caracas, Venezuela, were keenly contested throughout as evinced by the fact that each of the four competing nations won at least one championship. Matches were hard-fought to the last bout yet with the finest sporting spirit. Not once was a formal protest made against the decision of the judges; mistakes undoubtedly were made, but they were accepted with good grace as impartial errors. The governments of Colombia, Panama, Peru and Venezuela may well be proud of their fencers not only for their achievements but perhaps even more for their very fine sportsmanship.

The Games were held in the gymnasium of the Escuela Militar, which provided a truly magnificent setting. The physical arrangements were under the direction of Dr. Martinez Ceballos with the assistance of Fencing Masters Prin and Barto. The lighting, strips, electrical epee equipment and scoreboards were the finest obtainable.

The standings, on the basis of championships won, were as follows: Panama (3); Colombia (2); Peru (1); Venezuela (1).

Colombia won the foil team championship, with Peru taking second and Venezuela third. Panama did not enter a team in this event. The individual dual foil crown was won by Blando of Colombia with only one loss in the final of ten. He was clearly superior, having been undefeated in the team events. Kavanagh of Venezuela placed second and a triple tie for third was won by Higueros of Peru on touches. Higueros had registered the only victory against Blando.

A triple tie for first in the women's individual event (there was no team contest) was won by Ponce of Panama. De Majo of Venezuela placed second and Ornano of Peru third. The three girls had completed the final of seven with four victories each.

Panama was undefeated in winning the epee team championship, with Colombia, Venezuela and Peru following in that order. Medina starred for the vic-

tors with an 11-1 record. The individual epee crown was won by de Leon of Panama, with only one defeat and one double-loss in the round-robin of twelve. Saettone of Peru and Echeverri of Colombia tied for runner-up with Saettone placing second by two touches.

Peru won the sabre team title when it turned back Venezuela and Panama who placed in the order named. Colombia did not compete in this event.

Lopez of Venezuela won the individual sabre championship on the final day of the Games. Sarria of Peru beat out Worthington of Panama for second place on the count of touches.

I had the honor of acting as chairman of the Bout Committee (Directorio Tecnico) and working in utmost harmony with Major Boutmy of Curacao, who was appointed F.I.E. representative. The juries consisted of Salvatore Giambra, Byron Krieger, Allan Kwartler, Nathaniel Lubell, Tibor Nyilas, Harold and Evelyn Van Buskirk, and George Worth from the United States, with Roberto Manalich of Cuba and Captain Ramos of Mexico. Their work was uniformly excellent and I should like to pay tribute especially to Evelyn Van Buskirk, former U. S. foil champion, for her fine judging in the men's and women's foil events. She thus became the first woman to officiate in an international event in South or Central America.

### SCORES

#### Foil Team

**Colombia 9, Venezuela 7** (Blando 4-0, Echeverri 2-2, di Domenico 2-2, Torres 1-3, Kavanagh 3-1, Rodriguez 2-2, Cross 1-3, Gutierrez 1-3).

**Peru 11, Venezuela 5** (Higueros 4-0, de la Puente 3-1, Saettone 2-2, Flores 2-2, Muller-Karger 2-2, Gutierrez 1-3, Rodriguez 1-3, Kavanagh 1-3).

**Colombia 9, Peru 6** (Blando 4-0, di Domenico 3-1, Echeverri 2-1, Torres 0-4, de la Puente 2-2, Saettone 2-2, Higueros 1-2, Flores 1-3).

#### Foil Individual

**Blando**, Colombia, 8-1; **Kavanagh**, Venezuela, 7-2; **Higueros**, Peru, 6-3 (28 vs); **Racines**, Panama, 6-3 (29vs); **Echeverri**, Colombia, 6-3 (31vs); **Medina**, Panama, 3-6 (35vs); **de**

**la Puente**, Peru, 3-6 (35vs); **Gutierrez**, Venezuela, 3-6 (36vs); **di Domenico**, Colombia, 3-6 (41vs); **Muller-Karger**, Venezuela, 0-9.

#### Women's Individual

**Ponce**, Panama, 4-2; **De Majo**, Venezuela, 4-2; **Ornano**, Peru, 4-2; **Selle**, Venezuela, 3-3 (19vs); **Muller-Karger**, Venezuela, 2-4; **Baldwin**, Peru, 1-5.

Fence-off: Ponce d. DeMajo 4-2 and Ornano 4-3; De Maj d. Ornano 4-3.

#### Epee Team

**Panama 12, Colombia 4** (Medina 4-0, de Leon 3-1, Prado 3-1, Worthington 2-2, Blando 2-2, Echeverri 1-3, Torres 1-3, di Domenico 0-4).

**Venezuela 14, Peru 2** (Garcia 4-0, Gutierrez 4-0, Ruf 3-1, Sandner 3-1, Acevedo 1-3, Saettone 1-3, Chivinos 0-4, Gallese 0-4).

**Panama 9, Peru 7** (Medina 4-0, de Leon 2-2, Worthington 2-2, Prado 1-3; Acevedo 3-1, Chivinos 2-2, Gallese 1-3, Saettone 1-3).

**Colombia 8, Venezuela 7** (Torres 3-1, Blando 2-2, Echeverri 2-2, di Domenico 1-3; Sandner 3-1, Perez 2-2, Ruf 1-3, Gutierrez 1-3).

**Colombia 8, Peru 7** (di Domenico 3-1, Blando 2-2, Echeverri 2-2, Torres 1-3; Saettone 3-1, Acevedo 3-1, Gallese 1-3, Chivinos 0-4).

**Panama 10, Venezuela 6** (de Leon 4-0, Medina 3-1, Prado 2-2, Worthington 1-3; Garcia 3-1, Sandner 2-2, Marillo 1-3, Gutierrez 0-4).

#### Epee Individual

**de Leon**, Panama, 9-2; **Saettone**, Peru, 8-3 (15vs); **Echeverri**, Colombia, 8-3 (17vs); **Acevedo**, Peru, 7-4 (17vs); **Perez**, Venezuela, 7-4 (18vs); **Sandner**, Venezuela, 7-4 (20vs); **Medina**, Panama, 5-6; **Chivinos**, Peru, 4-7; **Torres**, Colombia, 3-8; **Gonzales**, Venezuela, 2-9 (29 vs); **di Domenico**, Colombia, 2-9 (30vs); **Prado**, Panama, 2-9 (31vs).

#### Sabre Team

**Peru 10, Panama 6** (Sarria 4-0, Garcia 2-2, Magill 2-2, Valqui 2-2; de Leon 2-2, Prado 2-2, Medina 1-3, Worthington 1-3).

**Venezuela 9, Panama 4** (Seijas 3-0, Lopez 3-1, Rodriguez 2-1, Gomez 1-2; Worthington 2-1, Medina 1-2, Prado 1-3, de Leon 0-3).

**Peru 9, Venezuela 6** (Valqui 4-0, Sarria 2-1, Vivanco 1-2, Magill 1-3; Lopez 2-2, Seijas 2-1, Pino 1-2, Rodriguez 1-3).

#### Sabre Individual

**Lopez**, Venezuela, 7-1; **Sarria**, Peru, 6-2 (25vs); **Worthington**, Panama, 6-2 (26vs); **de Leon**, Panama, 4-4 (29vs); **Valqui**, Peru, 4-4 (33vs); **Seijas**, Venezuela, 3-5 (31vs); **Vivanco**, Peru, 3-5 (35vs); **Prado**, Panama, 2-6; **Vetencourts**, Venezuela, 1-7.

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### Sportsmanship Comes First

by **Jose R. de Capriles**

It is very disturbing to note the arguments and loss of tempers which have manifested themselves in some recent competitions; it is time to pause and consider the damage we are doing to the sport and ourselves. This is not written in a holier-than-thou attitude, for the writer admits his share of the guilt.

Perhaps because this is Olympic year some of us are under an abnormal nervous pressure, but we must never forget that this is a sport, that fencers are amateurs in the truest sense, and that if winning overrides every other consideration we ought to look elsewhere for our "relaxation" and "recreation."

It is the champions and established fencers who set the pattern in these matters and unfortunately they are, for the most part, the ones responsible for the unseemly conduct which sometimes develops at a competition. We, by virtue of our standing in the sport, must realize that instead of being privileged characters we owe an even greater duty to conduct ourselves as gentlemen and good sportsmen at all times. During the heat of a bout, when a fencer is giving all he has, it is very easy to become upset over what is considered (rightly or wrongly) an improper decision by the jury. It is at such times that the experienced fencer should demonstrate his self-control and give in to his "peeve" by fencing harder, instead of indulging in histrionics which serve no purpose other than to disrupt all discipline.

All juries will make mistakes—true, some make more than others—but the jury is one of the essentials of competitive fencing and we must learn to accept it. The men who stand beside the strip hour after hour while we compete are entitled to our appreciation and courtesy; their mistakes are honest ones and we have no right to make their task harder and sometimes unbearable. If accepting a jury assignment is to include being

subjected to abuse, we will soon find that we cannot get officials for our tournaments and our chosen sport will suffer a mortal blow. It is expected that the Bout Committee will try to get experienced officials for the important competitions, but in many of them the best officials are also contestants and we will never train the less experienced men if we abuse them when the Bout Committee is obliged to request their services.

Team captains ought to be particularly careful in their protests to the Director, as there is nothing more annoying to the audience and the fencers than to have a match interrupted by prolonged arguments. Of course the team captain is expected to require that the rules be applied correctly; but he should exercise his representative powers judiciously and present his objections in a quiet and dignified manner. The more inexperienced the jury, the more tact and consideration we should exercise.

### PLEASE NOTE

The new rules require that all those who have qualified for the National championships, and wish to compete therein, must send in entries and entry fees at least **THREE WEEKS** before the championships. (Send them to C. L. Tuthill, Recording Secretary, 509 West 121 Street, N. Y. 27, N. Y.)

It is particularly important to note that **qualification and notice thereof from your Division Secretary does not constitute an entry.** Former champions and other automatic qualifiers must also send in entry and entry fee within prescribed time.

This is Olympic Year and the Nationals must be planned well in advance. The schedule is very crowded and the Bout Committee will enforce the entry rules strictly.

## Official AFLA Notes

DERNELL EVERY, Secretary

### Annual A.F.L.A. Meeting

Please take note that the annual meeting of the League will be held in New York City, at the Fencers Club, 320 East 53 Street, on Tuesday, June 17th, 1952 at 8 P.M.

The agenda includes the election of National Officers for the 1952-53 season; election of the Nominating Committee for national officers to serve during the 1953-54 fencing season; reports from the present National Officers and from the member Divisions.

All members of the A.F.L.A. are urged to attend.

### Annual Non-Divisional Meeting

Please take note that the annual meeting for non-divisional members will be held at the Fencers Club 320 East 53 Street, at 7 P.M. on Tuesday, June 17th, 1952.

The agenda includes the election of non-divisional members to the Board of Governors and the selection of a nominating committee for next year. Matters of local interest will be discussed and all members are urged to attend.

### Colonel Hayes Resigns

Colonel T. J. Hayes, Chairman of the Washington Division, has announced his resignation on account of ever-increasing military duties. Colonel Hayes, Acting Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, has devoted his considerable energy and talent to the development of the Division with very gratifying results. There are now five active fencing groups in the Division. In resigning, Colonel Hayes has left the Division in the capable hands of Irving Cantor, its Vice-Chairman, Harold Newton, its Secretary-Treasurer, and an active Executive Committee.

### Delaware Active Again

The Delaware Division, which will comprise all members of the AFLA in the State of Delaware, was reactivated at the February meeting of the Board of Governors after having been dormant for several years.

The officers of the new group are Chairman, Roger U. Owings of 300 Overbrook Avenue, Carcroft, and Secretary, Edward B. Wachtel of 502 W. 38th Street, both of Wilmington, Delaware.

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## METROPOLITAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Dorothy Friedman

Fencers Club showed the greatest strength in the Metropolitan Team Championships, winning the foil, epee and women's titles. Salle Santelli, which successfully defended its sabre team crown, ran a close second in all other events. The New York Athletic Club made a relatively poor showing in the men's events, not nearly approaching their performances of past years. Fencers Club "B" teams had excellent records, pressing the other competitors quite closely, although they won no matches in the final rounds of the foil, epee and sabre championships.

Madeline Dalton, Dolly Funke, Toni Jauch and Diane Millstein retained the women's team championship title for the Fencers Club by defeating the other three participating teams easily. Salle Santelli was handicapped by the absence of Eve Cohen who, after winning first place in the women's Olympic Tryout, was prevented from competing by a wrenched back. Maria Cerra Tishman of Fencers Club was also unable to compete in the team championship.

The Fencers Club foilsmen, Daniel Bukantz, Jose de Capriles, Nat Lubell and Ed Vebell, had a much more difficult time, losing to the Salle Santelli team of Albert Axelrod, Ralph Goldstein, Al Kwartler and Neil Lazar in the final round of this six-team competition. Since the N.Y.A.C. had defeated Salle Santelli before losing to Fencers Club, the final round resulted in a three-way tie, with Fencers Club winning the title by only one bout victory. The N.Y.A.C. team of Dernel Every, Silvio Gjolito and Rudolph Ozol seemed to tire badly toward the end of the day's fencing. After beating Salle Santelli in their first final-round match, they then defeated Fencers Club "B" by only 5-4, and lost handily to Fencers Club "A". It seems likely that if the A.C. had been able to enter a team of younger men who could continue to fence effectively throughout the entire meet, they would have earned a much finer record.

Bukantz and Vebell were also members of the winning Fencers Club epee team. With Al Skrobisch and James Strauch, they defeated their "B" team, Saltus Club and Salle Santelli in the final round of the seven-team event. Surprise of the day was the Fencers Club "B" victory over the N.Y.A.C. team of Leo Nunes, who returned to competitive fencing after an absence of several years, Jean Grombach and Henrique Santos.

The sabre team championship was won easily by the powerhouse Salle Santelli team of Sol Gorlin, Al Kwartler, Tibor Nyilas and George Worth who lost only eight bouts out of a total of thirty-two fenced in the six-team contest. The N.Y.A.C. no longer shows the great strength which once made it a perennial winner of top sabre honors.

Fencers Club and Salle Santelli qualified for the national team events in all weapons; the N.Y.A.C. and Saltus Club qualified teams in the three men's

events; and the women's composite team of Mildred Boyce, Ruth Foster and Louise Knab also qualified for the national championship.

#### The Scores

##### Women

**Fencers Club 6** (Dalton 2-0, Funke 2-0, Jauch 2-0), Salle Santelli "B" 0 (Bernabeau, Friedman, Haycock); Fencers Club 5 (Dalton 3-0, Funke 1-1, Millstein 1-1), N. Y. Composite 2 (Boyce 0-2, Foster 1-1, Knab 1-2); Fencers Club 5 (Dalton 2-1, Funke 1-2, Millstein 2-1), Salle Santelli "A" 4 (Acel 2-1, Dedousis 1-2, Sokol 1-2).

**Salle Santelli "A" 5** (Acel 2-0, Dedousis 2-0, Sokol 1-1, N. Y. Composite 1 (Boyce 0-2, Foster 0-2, Knab 1-1); Salle Santelli "A" 5 (Acel 3-0, Dedousis 1-1, Sokol 1-1), Salle Santelli "B" 2 (Bernabeau 1-1, Borea 0-2, Friedman 1-2);

**N. Y. Composite 5** (Boyce 1-2, Foster 2-1, Knab 2-1), Salle Santelli "B" 4 (Bernabeau 1-2, Friedman 2-0, Haycock 1-2).

##### Foil

**Fencers Club "A" 7** (Bukantz 3-0, Lubell 2-1, Vebell 2-1), Fencers Club "B" 2 (Marmor 1-2, Spingarn 0-3, Steinhart 1-2); Fencers Club "A" 6 (Bukantz 1-2, de Capriles 2-1, Lubell 3-0), New York A. C. 3 (Every 1-2, Gjolito 2-1, Ozol 0-3). (17 victories)

**Salle Santelli 7** (Axelrod 3-0, Goldstein 2-1, Lazar 2-1), Fencers Club "B" 2 (Kellerman 0-3, Spingarn 1-2, Steinhart 1-2); Salle Santelli 5 (Axelrod 2-1, Goldstein 2-1, Lazar 1-2), Fencers Club 4 (Bukantz 2-1, de Capriles 2-1, Lubell 0-3). (16 victories)

**New York A. C. 5** (Every 2-1, Gjolito 3-0, Ozol 0-3), Salle Santelli 4 (Axelrod 2-1, Goldstein 1-2, Lazar 1-2); New York A. C. 5 (Every 1-2, Gjolito 3-0, Ozol 1-2, Fencers Club "B" 4 (Kellerman 2-1, Marmor 1-2, Steinhart 1-2). (13 victories)

Prelim: Fencers Club "A" d. Saltus 5-0; New York A. C. d. Saltus 5-4; Salle Santelli d. N. J. Composite 6-0; Fencers Club "B" d. N. J. Composite 5-4.

##### Epee

**Fencers Club "A" 5** (Skrobisch 1-1, Strauch 2-1, Vebell 2-1), Fencers Club "B" 3 (Jaekel 1-1, Sonnenreich 2-1, von Munchhausen 0-3); Fencers Club "A" 5 (Bukantz 2-1, Skrobisch 2-0, Vebell 1-1), Saltus Club 2 (Ehinger 0-2, McGrath 1-1, Ritayik 1-2); Fencers Club "A" 5 (Skrobisch 1-1, Strauch 2-1, Vebell 2-1), Salle Santelli 3 (Goldstein 1-1, Lewis 1-2, Metzger 1-2).

**Salle Santelli 5** (Goldstein 1-1, Lewis 2-1, Metzger 2-0), Fencers Club "B" (Bavuso 0-3, Jaekel 1-1, Sonnenreich 1-1); Salle Santelli 5 (Lewis 2-0, Metzger 1-1, Moss 2-0), Saltus Club 1 (McGrath 0-2, Ritayik 1-1, Stevens 0-2).

Prelim: Saltus Club d. Army "A" 6-2; Fencers Club "A" d. Army "A" 5-2; Salle Santelli d. Army "B" 6-1 and N.Y.A.C. 5-4; Fencers Club "B" d. N.Y.A.C. 5-0 and Army "B" 5-1.

##### Sabre

**Salle Santelli "A" 6** (Gorlin 1-2, Nyilas 3-0, Worth 2-1), New York A. C. 3 (Flynn 2-1, Marson 1-2, Muray 0-3); Salle Santelli 8 (Kwartler 2-1, Nyilas 3-0, Worth 3-0), Fencers Club "B" 1 (Bavuso 0-3, Billadello 1-2, Tishman 0-3); Salle Santelli 5 (Gorlin 1-1, Nyilas 2-1, Worth 2-1), Fencers Club "A" 3 (Cohen 2-1, Millard 1-1, Slattery 0-3).

**Fencers Club "A" 5** (Cohen 3-0, Millard 1-2, Spingarn 1-2), Fencers Club "B" 4 (Bavuso 1-2, Billadello 2-1, Tishman 1-2); Fencers Club "A" 6 (Cohen 1-2, Millard 3-0, Spingarn 2-1), New York A. C. 3 (Flynn 2-1, Muray 1-2, Ozol 0-3).

Prelim: Santelli "A" d. Saltus 5-1; Fencers Club "B" d. Saltus 5-3, Fencers Club "A" d. Santelli "B" 5-2; New York A. C. d. Santelli 5-1.



## FAINT FEINTS NE'ER WON FAIR POINTS

— Dornell Every —

In December, 1950, this magazine reprinted an article of mine on foil fencing which was written more than a decade ago. It was entitled "Why Not Try A Straight Lunge" and urged fencers to use more of the simpler attacks and particularly the simplest of all, the straight lunge.

I have been plagued by that article ever since its republication. Fencers seem to enjoy hitting me with straight lunges and saying, "Oh, by the way, I read your article," while directors, keeping their faces straight, ask, "Did that simple attack arrive? Yes? Touch against Every!" I have the dubious satisfaction now or knowing that my advice was good, at least when used against me.

The reappearance of this article reminded me of my original intention ten years ago. I planned then to write a short series of articles and stress in each of them some action which fencers were neglecting to use or were using incorrectly; in either case, their failure was costing them touches. I am sorry to say that the quality of our foil fencing has changed so little in the past ten years that I believe that I can proceed with the series today just as I had originally planned it and find the suggestions just as helpful now as they would have been then. In other words, today's foilsmen are making the same simple mistakes that my contemporaries and I made ten (and twenty) years ago.

None of these suggestions is hard to follow. They require comprehension rather than delicacy of execution. They are all elementary. It is my firm belief that they distinguish the good fencers from the bad, the successful from the unsuccessful, the winners from the losers.

My second suggestion on making better use of what you have is to feint correctly. This sounds trite but I can only emphasize the statement by declaring that only about half of the ten top-ranking foilsmen feint correctly and very few college fencers ever do so as a regular thing. Much of this fault is due to the mechanical habits into which fencers usually fall and their failure to weigh the purposes of the fencing actions they execute.

What is a feint? As the word implies, it is something that is false or that looks like what it isn't. Fencing is a fast combination of false and true actions. What a wonderful fencer one would be if he could make all feints look like true actions and all true actions look like mere feints.

For the beginning fencer let me explain the feint by analyzing one of the simplest and incidentally one of the most effective of all attacks—the one-two. The one-two is merely two disengages—the point proscribing two semicircles in opposite directions. If your opponent is on guard in sixte, your first disengage is a semicircle counter-clockwise with a simultaneous extension of the arm. It is this action which is the feint for it is not a true disengage but a feint of disengage.

It must look so truly a threat that the opponent parries quarte. The second disengage is a semicircle with the extended point in a clockwise direction which deceives the lateral parry and must be combined with the lunge to carry the point to the upper chest. We are not concerned here with the one-two as such. The important part of this whole paragraph is the statement that the "one" is a feint. It must look dangerous. The opponent must find it impossible to resist trying to parry it.

A double is merely a feint of disengage followed by a circle in the same direction as the feint of disengage. It must induce the opponent to feel it necessary to parry with a circular or counter parry. No fencer should ever forget that the first disengage or coupe of any compound attack is a feint meant to draw the opponent into a defensive movement. If it fails to do this, the feint has failed and the compound attack must fail.

Now let us see what frequently happens in an actual bout. A fencer attacks with a one-two only to find that his opponent has not moved and he has lunged into the closed line. This was because the feint, the "one," was no good. No opponent can stand there and not move if the "one" is a good feint. A good feint demands a reaction from the defender. You must make it that way for you have feinted for that purpose.

I once heard a "one-two" referred to facetiously as a "swing-and-sway" attack. That is a horrible but true description of how some "one-tuos" look. Anyone should be kicked for bothering to parry a "swing and sway."

How can you improve your feints? By watching and correcting your own results in free play at the salle. Whenever an opponent does not answer a feint try the same attack upon him immediately and this time strive to make him go after your feint. Remember that he must go after it if it is a good one. Keep trying until he does. It is easy to correct this once you know what it is you are correcting. You must correct it yourself, however. Your coach is at a disadvantage in this particular field.

It is difficult for any fencing master to teach good feints. He can correct your lunge, your parries, your ripostes, etc. for these are positive things that can be tested; but your feints are mental stimuli that must give an opponent a certain impression. The fencing master does not always stop to weigh whether he is reacting to his pupil's feint or merely following the routine of the series of movements he has called for. It is conceivable therefore that a fencer may be all tuned up for a competition by his fencing master only to go in and do very badly. This is particularly true of the college level of fencing. College fencers are trained to make good use of their legs, their speed of reaction and their fighting gusto but they frequently fail to draw the parry with their feint of disengage or their feint of coupe. They cannot get

help here from their coaches, as I have previously explained, and since college fencers tend to lean upon their coaches they go along without correcting a most important basic tool of the good fencer.

A fencer is touched either because he didn't do something he should have done or he did do something he should not have done. It is as simple as that. The feint is intended to make your opponent do something he should not do. Make your feints well and watch your point score rise.

## N.Y.U. Interscholastic

by Jose R. de Capriles

A strong team from the William L. Dickinson High School of Jersey City won the seventeenth annual Interscholastic Fencing Tournament sponsored by N.Y.U.'s Washington Square College. The winners, coached by Edward B. Kennedy, were undefeated in the day-long event which drew fourteen schools from Connecticut, New Jersey and New York. Gerald Trotter, Reynold Moretti and Bart Solazzo lost only four bouts in the entire competition; three bouts lost to third-place Hopkins in the final round were dropped by substitutes after the regulars had a 5-1 lead. Bloomfield High School of New Jersey, coached by Vincent Surdi, placed second and the Hopkins Grammar School of New Haven, coached by Ralph A. Mertens, was third. The victors received custody of the Castello Trophy, presented by Hugo and James Castello, fencing coaches of N.Y.U.

### RESULTS

**Round I:** (Two qualified from each strip)  
Strip 1: Dickinson d. New Rochelle 9-0 and Forest Hills 5-0. New Rochelle d. Forest Hills 5-4.

Strip 2: Hopkins d. Lincoln (N.J.) 8-1 and Bayside 5-0. De Witt Clinton d. Bayside 6-3 and Lincoln 5-1.

Strip 3: Barringer d. Butler 7-2, Boys High 7-2 and Snyder 6-3. Snyder d. Boys High 5-4 (12 victories). Boys High d. Butler 5-4 (11 victories). Butler d. Snyder 5-4 (11 victories).

Strip 4: Bloomfield d. Stuyvesant 7-2, Ferris d. Stuyvesant 6-3.

**Round II:** (Direct Elimination)  
Bloomfield (Marrese, Grundy, Breslow) d. New Rochelle (Gold, Somekl, Schulman) 5-1.

Dickinson (Trotter, Moretti, Solazzo) d. Ferris (Kardell, Maciag, Drago) 5-0.

Hopkins (Steinmuller, Beers, Regaini) d. Snyder (Oliver, Frager, Kachinski) 5-1.

De Witt Clinton (Fenichel, Siegal, McElroy) d. Barringer (Rockmaker, Caprio, Annicchiarico) 5-3.

**FINAL**  
Dickinson d. Bloomfield 8-1, De Witt Clinton 7-2 and Hopkins 5-4. Bloomfield d. Hopkins 6-3 and De Witt Clinton 5-2. Hopkins d. De Witt Clinton 5-4.

**The I.C.F.A. and N.C.A.A. Championships, conducted while we were at the printers, will be reported in our next issue.**

## ALL EASTERN INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Epee Team

The Fencers Club "A" Team composed of Abram Cohen, Joseph Sonnenreich and Paul Utterback was very impressive in its winning performance, losing only four out of 27 bouts. The event was held at Plainfield, N. J., and drew only four entries.

**Results:** Fencers Club "A" d. Fencers Club "B" (Bavuso, Corbett, Menendez) 7-2; Composite Team (Detzer, McGrath, Ritayik) 9-0; and Philadelphia F. C. (Altabef, Dyer, Makler) 7-2.

### Foil Team

The Salle Santelli (Allan Kwartler, Marvin Metzger, Salvato), was undefeated in its march to the title. The competition was held at Newark, N. J., and drew only four teams.

**Results:** Salle Santelli d. N. J. Composite (DiCicco, Orsi, Surdi) 5-4; Saltus Club (Brandeis, Griffin, Schechter) 5-4; and Fencers Club (Marmor, Quinn, Slattery, Spingarn) 5-2.

### Sabre Team

The Salle Santelli "A" team (Robert Blum, Kevis Kapner, Lorand Marcell) won the title without dropping a match in the two rounds of competition. The event was held at the Rohdes Academy and drew six entries.

**Final Round:** Salle Santelli "A" d. Philadelphia F. C. (Dyer, Makler, Rubenstein) 5-4; Saltus Club (Ritayik, Schmukler, Stephens) 5-3; and Fencers Club (Billadello, Millard, Spingarn) 5-4. Philadelphia F. C. d. Saltus 5-4. Saltus d. Fencers Club 5-4.

### Foil Individual

Abram Cohen, Fencers Club, won the championship with a perfect score in the final round of eight. His team mate, Evan Quinn, placed second and Allan Kwartler of the Salle Santelli was third. Paul Makler, Philadelphia F. C., placed fourth but other results are uncertain because several bouts remained unfenced due to a shortage of time. Twelve competed in the event held at the U. of P. Gymnasium. Other finalists were: Austin, Brandeis, Schechter and Spingarn.

### Sabre Individual

Dr. Paul Makler, Philadelphia F. C., defeated Rex Dyer, U. S. Army, 5-4 in the fence-off for the title. Harold Newton, Washington F. C., won third over Robert Parmacek, U. of P., on the count of touches. A severe snow storm reduced the field to six entries. The event was held at the U. of P. gym.

### Results

Makler 4-1; Dyer 4-1; Newton 3-2 (17 vs.); Parmacek 3-2 (20 vs.); Rubinstein, Phila. F. C., 1-4; Ritayik, Saltus, 0-5.

The **Women's Team** event was cancelled.

The **Epee Individual** was unfortunately not reported from West Point. George Siegel of Brooklyn College won first place, with Paul Utterback, U.S.N., placing second and Abelardo Menendez, Fencers Club, third. No other facts available.

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## THE EVOLUTION OF EPEE FENCING

by Comdt. Louis Bontemps

President, French Fencing Federation

**Ed. Note.** This and the succeeding article were written for L'Esclime Française to protest against the refusal of the F.I.E. Congress to adopt the "long bout", i.e., direct elimination with two-out-of-three 5-touch bouts in all weapons. The French and Italians argued that this method is superior to the pool system, that it affords the best presentation of the sport from the point of view of the spectator, and that it had been used with great success by the two sponsoring federations. In presenting his views, the President of the French Federation commented on epee fencing in such manner as to draw a strong reply from Capt. Raoul Clery, recognized as one of the ablest fencing masters. We are indebted to Miguel de Capriles for the translations.

The new sporting atmosphere created by the great development of athletic games which compete with fencing, and the technical revolution brought about by the electrical apparatus, have required the evolution of epee fencing, i.e., its independence.

This does not mean that there is competition between two types of fencing—foil and epee—but rather that each one has its own virtues which underlie their development. To understand this, we must destroy the legend of the foil as the sole base of fencing with the thrusting weapon.

Our ancestors fought with the epee. The foil was an offshoot, preferred by fencing masters because the results were less uncertain and because an earnest fencer could achieve superior skill more easily than in epee. The foil is a conventional weapon (the attack comes first, it must be parried, etc.). The conventions, by creating the sequence of play, give rise to attractive gymnastics. Reflexes become automatic, so that a foil champion in a competition is sure to pass through the several preliminaries and to reach the final, or close to the final, while the epeeist is constantly vulnerable.

In epee, until the appearance of the electrical apparatus, it was normal for directors to favor in their judgments the actions which paralleled foil actions. These same directors are now insisting that the electrical apparatus has killed epee fencing, while in fact it has placed a premium on true fencing. In effect, the electrical apparatus shows that the teaching of epee is no longer secondary to instruction in foil. Why, in the light of the electrical lamps, must we persist in this error? This does not mean that a good fencer will not make a good epeeist. Really, a good fencer is likely to fence well in all weapons; however, my precise point is that to become a good epeeist it is not necessary to begin with the foil, but only to learn true fencing: "to touch without being touched."

It is not a question of placing an epee in the hands of a child when the weapon is too heavy for his frail arms, but rather that when a man goes to a fencing room to learn epee it is senseless to lose time by teaching him the foil. People are in a hurry, they seek realistic sports; therefore it is necessary that the teaching of epee meet these requirements by a meth-

od which is direct and speedy, keeping in mind that in epee there is no possible automatism; that instruction must be based upon the physical resources of the individual and particularly upon his sense of observation.

During the last century and at the beginning of the present one, the epee was very popular because of the duel. But nowadays no fencer goes to the fencing room to prepare for the duel. To prepare for a duel, fencing was for one touch; when the duel disappeared, there was a timid movement to fence for two touches, and later three touches, to give greater assurance to the epeist. These concessions are ridiculous if they are conceived as a means of emancipation from the duel; they are invalid if they are intended to help the epee game.

Now the F.I.E. Congress has rejected the proposals of the two great fencing nations, Italy and France, to make the epee a combat sport, not because of the number of touches (1, 2 or 3), but by developing an epee game which can be appreciated clearly by the public. For fencing will disappear unless it is spectacular, and fencing cannot be spectacular except in the long bout, in epee as well as in foil and sabre.

## FENCING HAS BECOME A SPORT LIKE THE OTHERS

by Capt. Raoul Clery  
Maitre d'Armes

Let us admit at once that we are in accord with M. Louis Bontemps on the main outline of his article.

We challenge only one point. Fencing with the electrical epee is not any "truer" than with the foil or sabre. "True" fencing is done in the open field, without protection and with a sharp blade. There one risks his life, and courage is the most important quality. Mr. D'Hughes was right when he said: "The epee, whether standard or electric, is a parody of combat. Nothing resembles combat except combat itself, and the absence of the mask alone is sufficient to modify the game."

There is, then, no "true" fencing except that which can be done in real combat. And among fencing actions of this type we cannot include the headlong "fleeche", remise to the body, and certain complicated "deceivings" of the bade which find favor in the electrical epee game. The open field gives a clear advantage to the actions with an advance, to simple attacks, to parry-ripostes, to attacks on the blade, to stopthrusts. We believe however that this point of view has been relegated to history, to the traditions of fencing, to the past.

The duel as a practical matter is dead. No fencer today seeks this objective in going to a fencing room. It is even trite to say that in our discombobulated world the only people who fight duels are those who have never fenced before.

With this simple reservation, we are more than ready to agree with the rest

of what M. Bontemps has said.

Like him, we believe that fencing has become a sport like the others. It is a sport with three special forms: foil, epee and sabre. And we say "special forms" on purpose, because the characteristics of each weapon have become clearly different, and a man may be strong in one weapon without necessarily being strong in the others. They are independent in their principles and in their technique.

Without going into details, we may say that the foil is a selective weapon. The personality of the fencer counts for less than the faultless execution of an established and time-proved technique, from which it is difficult to depart. Mastery of the foil comes from study over the long pull. Perhaps these difficulties are the reason why the foil fencers of the world are in a minority. [In international events the epee is the most popular. Ed.]

The same is true of sabre, although to a lesser degree, because it is a more natural athletic exercise, more spectacular, and more attractive both to the fencer and to the uninitiated.

The epee, on the other hand, is everybody's weapon, whether expert or duffer. Its technique is simple, and it is submersed almost entirely into the personality of the fencer. It is a natural means of expression for the competitor, who may as he chooses respect or violate certain technical conventions. Since the advent of the electrical apparatus, the epee has taken a new aspect, and it seems as if luck is the ruling force of its destiny. The epee is considered a weapon in which all contestants start on an even footing. And the international rules (three touch bouts in a round-robin) are not likely to reduce the uncertainty of the results.

It is possible, perhaps certain, that a fine fencer may deplore an evolution which only rarely permits the best fencer to win. But let us reflect: perhaps it is a happy circumstance, and not an unfortunate thing, as one might hastily suppose, that the sport of fencing leaves open a door for all who have neither the time nor the talent to practice with success the sophisticated weapons.

That epee has become a peculiar game since its electrification, is evident. That the greater or lesser tolerance of the electrical apparatus conditions the quality of the game is also indisputable. But should the tolerance be changed? The matter is mostly wishful thinking. Let us instead accept this new type of fencing as it is, just as have thousands of fencers who like it.

In the second part of his essay, the President of the (French) Federation speaks out with great reason against the pool system and the bouts for a small number of touches. From the point of view of the sport, these bouts are not worthwhile. As a spectacle, they are ridiculous even to the most ignorant spectator.

Do we want an audience, and spectators, when we organize a caricature of a spectacle in which the side-issues, such as the disconnection of the contacts at the rear of the body wire, the inevit-



able breakdowns, the check-ups of the equipment or the fencer, and so on, take much longer—from the point of view of elapsed time—than the physical excitement of the bout itself, i.e., the duration of the spectacle proper?

Nor is it astonishing that, once a fencer is eliminated—and particularly if he is young—he can hardly wait to leave the fencing room to throw himself into a movie . . . or into the arms of his sweetheart. For it is rather clear that the sweetheart prefers other things to a sport in which she may watch the object of her affections for a couple of minutes out of every forty-five.

And one cannot disagree with the President in his conclusion: fencing will disappear if it is not spectacular, and only the long bout will interest the public. And let us add that it would be a pity for fencing to disappear simply because certain international "brass hats" have confused routine with tradition.

## OUR NEXT ISSUE

*The June issue will be a special one to commemorate the National Championships which this year are also the final Olympic Tryouts. We hope to make it the best issue in our brief history and many clubs and Divisions will take the opportunity to wish our Olympians Bon Voyage.*

*We urge that all copy be submitted not later than May 9th.*



# Metropolitan Events

## Maria Tishman Wins Greco

by Jose de Capriles

Mrs. Maria Cerra Tishman, Fencers Club, won the annual open event for the Anthony Greco Trophy after a three-way fence off with her club mate Diane Millstein and Grace Acel of the Salle Santelli. Twenty-six girls entered the preliminaries held at the Salle Santelli on December 21, and the final of eight was held at the Rhodes Academy on January 8th. It was the first open event for women this season, and although the finalists showed good form it was evident that they have not yet a competitive sharpness.

### Final Round Scores

Maria Tishman, Fencers Club, 5-2; Diane Millstein, Fencers Club, 5-2; Grace Acel, Salle Santelli, 5-2; Betty Hamilton, Canada, 4-3; Eve Cohen, Salle Santelli, 3-4 (18 vs); Dolly Funke, Fencers Club, 3-4 (22 vs); Aida Gormley, unattached, 2-5; Ednita Bernabeu, Salle Santelli, 1-7.

**Fence-off:** Tishman d. Acel 4-3 and Millstein 4-3; Millstein d. Acel 4-2.

### Other Entries

Doerschuk, Jauch, Stock (Fencers Club); Balint, Borea, Carlino, Dedousis, Freedman, Greenstein, Haycock, Menyhart, Sokol (Salle Santelli); Bevalacqua, Murad, Pizzarelli (Paterson Teachers); Foster (Rhodes); Brewster (New England); Bridges (Troy).

## Washington Square Cup

The Fencers Club "B" team composed of Edward Vebell, Paul Utterback and Daniel Bukantz won the beautiful silver chalice from a strong field of 15 teams. The strong Salle Santelli team (Norman Lewis, Marvin Metzger, Ralph Goldstein) placed second by two bouts. Last year's winning combination (Jose de Capriles, Alfred Skrobisch, James Strauch) dropped to fifth place. The outstanding individual performers were Norman Lewis with a 13-1 record and Paul Utterback with 12-2. The event was held on a three-pool roundrobin basis and bouts were for one touch.

### Results

	I	II	III	Tot.
Fencers Club "B" .....	9	12	10	31
Santelli "A" .....	13	9	7	29
Fencers Club "C" .....	9	9	8	26
N.Y.U. "A" .....	8	7	10	25
Fencers Club "A" .....	6	10	8	24
Fencers Club "D" .....	7	6	10	23
Fencers Club "E" .....	6	5	11	22
Army "A" .....	6	7	7	20
Santelli "B" .....	7	8	5	20
New York A. C. ....	6	5	7	18
Army "B" .....	8	5	4	17
Army "C" .....	5	7	5	17
Santelli "C" .....	4	8	5	17
Brooklyn College .....	7	3	4	14
N.Y.U. "B" .....	4	5	4	13

## Women's Intercollegiate Meet

by Larry Olvin

Miss Marge Cappello, Paterson State Teachers, won the annual invitation meet sponsored by the Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association. The event, held during the Christmas recess, drew 36 entries from nine different colleges. Miss Cappello was in a triple tie which, after two fence-offs, was resolved with Miss Anne Drungis of Hunter placing second and Miss Gloria Bevalacqua of Paterson Teachers placing third.

### Final Round Scores

Marge Cappello, Paterson Teachers, 6-2; Anne Drungis, Hunter, 6-2; Grace Bevalacqua, Paterson Teachers, 6-2; Vera Pizzarelli, Paterson Teachers, 5-3 (20vs); Phyllis Klein, Brooklyn College, 5-3 (23vs); Toni Carlino, Hunter, 4-4; Lorraine Murad, Paterson Teachers, 2-5; Serena Palmer, N.Y.U., 1-6; Bessie Pruitt, Hunter, 0-8.

**First Fence-off:** Cappello d. Bevalacqua 4-1; Drungis d. Cappello 4-2; Bevalacqua d. Drungis 4-2.

**Second Fence-off:** Cappello d. Bevalacqua 4-2 and Drungis 4-2; Drungis d. Bevalacqua 4-1.

### Other Entries

Arata, McGilvray, Mastrano, Rowe (Jersey City Teachers); Beaumel, Goglich, Kazman, Leila (Brooklyn College); Burlew, Kennedy, Kopp, Paish, Salenatro (Montclair Teachers); Irgan (N.Y.U.); Bene, Bragger, Etkorn, Kirsimagi (Fairleigh-Dickinson); Fivaldi, Knab, Milo (Hunter); Monaco, (Paterson Teachers); Des Reis, Norton (St. Lawrence U); Thayer, Salome (U. of Penn).

## Dolly Funke Wins Voorhees

by Arthur Spingarn

Mrs. Dolly Funke, Fencers Club, won the open competition for the Voorhees Medals by defeating her club mate Miss Madeline Dalton 4-2 in a fence-off. Another tie (for third place) was won by Miss Grace Acel of Salle Santelli on the count of touches over Mrs. Diane Millstein of the Fencers Club. There were seventeen entries, with a final of nine.

### Final Round Scores

Dolly Funke, Fencers Club, 7-1; Madeline Dalton, Fencers Club, 7-1; Grace Acel, Salle Santelli, 6-2 (17 vs.); Diane Millstein, Fencers Club, 6-2 (21 vs.); Aida Gormley, unattached, 4-4; Betty Hamilton, Canada, 3-5; Ida Balint, Saltus, 1-7 (31 vs., 12 for ); Betty Dedousis, Salle Santelli, 1-7 (31 vs., 11 for ); Toni Jauch, Fencers Club, 1-7 (31 vs., 9 for).

### Other entries

Julia Doerschuk (Fencers Club); Harriet Brewster (New England); Dorothy Friedman, Beatrice Greenstein, Christine Haycock, Vivienne Sokol (Salle Santelli); Gloria Bevalacqua (N.J.); Ruth Foster (Minnesota).

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# News from the Divisions

## No. California

by Ferard Leicester

On January 14 the Division was host to the cadets of the French training ship Jeanne d'Arc at a tournament consisting of three-man teams in each weapon. The American teams were made up of members of the Berkeley Fencers Club, the Halberstadt School of Fencing and the Olympic Club. The tournament was held at the Halberstadt School before a very large audience, and officiating was in French. The Division's team (Biagini, Natty, Wootan in foil; Adams, Bocci, Yulkowski in epee; Baker, De La O, Giambra in sabre) defeated the visitors by a good margin. The evening concluded with the presentation of awards and a dinner given by Mr. Halberstadt for the accompanying French officers, the contestants and their friends, and the officials.

The following are results of recent events:

### Junior Epee Team

Won by the Berkeley Fencers Club (Arthur Pardee, Peter Stevenson, David Swift).

### Intermediate Epee

1. William Lundeberg ..... Cavaliers
2. Wesley Olson ..... Olympic Club
3. David Swift ..... Berkeley F. C.

### Women's Junior Team

Won by Composite Team of Mary Huddleson and Helyn Lum (Halberstadt) and Christine Yulkowski (Berkeley F.C.).

### Open Epee

1. Albert Lambert ..... Berkeley F. C.
  2. Gerard Biagini ..... Olympic Club
  3. Peter Stevenson \* ..... Berkeley F. C.
- \* on touches over club mates Wolford Wootan and Leon Yulkowski.

### Open Epee Team

Won by the Olympic Club (Jack Baker, Gerard Biagini, Wesley Olson).

### Junior Sabre

1. Albert Lambert ..... Berkley F. C.
2. Daniel DeLa O ..... Unattached
3. Gordon Scheile ..... Halberstadt S. F.

### Women's Intermediate

1. Tommy Angell ..... Halberstadt S. F.
2. Eleanor Turney ..... Halberstadt S.F.
3. Shirley Canter ..... Funke F. A.

### Open Three-Weapon

1. Gerard Biagini ..... Olympic Club
2. Albert Lambert ..... Berkeley F. C.
3. Jack Baker ..... Olympic Club

## Border

by Irving Kipnis  
Division Chairman

Hilary J. Sandoval, who did so much for fencing in this area, is now with the Army and stationed in the East. While visiting his family in Tucson he donated awards for an "unofficial" prep tournament attended by fencers from the U. of Arizona and Tucson High, both of which are fortunate to have the coaching of Mr. Anthony Greco. The results were:

### Women

1. Jeanette Doebele, 9-0 ..... U. of Arizona
2. Jean Simpson, 7-2 ..... U. of Arizona
3. Delsa Plumb, 6-3 ..... Tucson H. S.

### Men

1. Jerry Parker, 4-1 ..... U. of Arizona
2. Mike Lipscomb, 4-1 ..... Tucson H. S.
3. Bob Salit, 3-2 ..... U. of Arizona

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## Gulf Coast

by Betty Jean Fox  
Division Secretary

The following events have been held thus far:

### Women's Prep

1. Mary Eller ..... Houston F. C.
2. Shirley Fivel ..... St. Joseph's School
3. Barbara Marschall ..... St. Joseph's School

### Prep Foil

1. Joe Pafford ..... Teas A & M
2. Don Cadwell ..... U. of Houston
3. Wm. Hegmann ..... Texas A & M

### Prep Epee

1. Jerry Ramsey ..... Texas A & M
2. W. J. William ..... Texas A & M
3. Aden Magee ..... Texas A & M

### Women's Novice

1. Eileen Miggins ..... St. Joseph's School
2. Margaret Janda ..... St. Joseph's School
3. Anita Linney ..... St. Joseph's School

### Novice Foil

1. Bob Braslau ..... Texas A & M
2. Aden Magee ..... Texas A & M
3. David Linker ..... Galveston F. C.

### Prep Sabre

1. N. J. Mamel ..... Houston F. C.
2. Joe Pafford ..... Texas A & M
3. Aden Magee ..... Texas A & M

### Novice Sabre

1. C. K. Campbell ..... Rice Institute
2. Truett Fields ..... Texas A & M
3. Daniel Weiser ..... Rice Institute

### Novice Epee

1. Lacy Breckenridge ..... Texas A & M
2. Daniel Weiser ..... Rice Institute
3. Wallace Schlather ..... Texas A & M

### Open Three-Weapon

1. Jack Baird ..... Galveston F. C.
2. William Brown ..... Galveston F. C.
3. John Gottlob ..... Texas A & M

### Women's Open

1. Neomia Abbott ..... Galveston F. C.
2. Betty Jean Fox ..... Unattached
3. Janet Thigpen ..... Unattached

### Open Foil

1. Jack Baird ..... Galveston F. C.
2. William Brown ..... Galveston F. C.
3. Leopold French ..... Rice Institute

### Open Epee

1. Donald Gaucher ..... Rice Institute
2. William Brown ..... Buccaneers
3. Daniel Weiser ..... Rice Institute

### Open Sabre

1. William Brown ..... Buccaneers
2. Arnold Mercado ..... U. of Houston
3. Daniel Weiser ..... Rice Institute

### Women's Prep—10 entries

1. Elenora Noack ..... Austin F. C.
2. Janet Thigpen ..... Austin F. C.
3. Shirley Fivel ..... St. Joseph's School

### Prep Foil—15 entries

1. Stanley Blouin ..... U. of Houston
2. Hyman Applebaum ..... Rice Institute
3. Jerry Ramsey ..... Texas A. & M.

### Prep Epee—6 entries

1. Stanley Blouin ..... U. of Houston
2. Charles Tea ..... Texas A. & M.
3. Jerry Ramsey ..... Texas A. & M.

### Women's Novice—11 entries

1. Johanna Blumel ..... St. Joseph's School
2. M. Drumheller ..... St. Joseph's School
3. Anita Linney ..... St. Joseph's School

### Novice Foil—11 entries

1. Aden Magee ..... Texas A. & M.
2. Bob Braslau ..... Texas A. & M.
3. Arnold Mercado ..... U. of Houston

### Novice Epee

1. William Drake ..... Rice Institute
2. Robert Jones ..... Texas A. & M.
3. Lacy Breckenridge ..... Texas A. & M.

### Novice Sabre

1. Kenneth Campbell ..... Rice Institute
2. Lacy Breckenridge ..... Texas A. & M.
3. Aden Magee ..... Texas A. & M.

## Northern Ohio

by Donald S. Thompson

Under the joint sponsorship of the Recreation Department of Cleveland, the Woodland Cultural and Sports Club, and the Sword and Mask Club, practice sessions are being held at the Woodland Recreation Center, 9206 Woodland Ave., on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7 to 9:30 P.M. Visitors from other Divisions are welcome. The Recreation Department is providing all the physical facilities including weapons and masks without charge, and is sponsoring weekly fencing classes for beginners. In the absence of a professional coach, the more experienced fencers are assisting in the program. A promising group has turned out and we are hopeful of a renewed growth of interest in the city.

### Open Foil (Case Gym)

1. E. P. Quigley ..... Woodland
2. John Shelly ..... Akron YMCA
3. D. S. Thompson ..... Woodland

### Open Epee (Fenn College)

1. William Durrett ..... Woodland
2. Charles Simonian ..... Woodland
3. D. S. Thompson ..... Woodland

### Open Epee (Case Gym)

1. E. P. Quigley ..... Woodland
2. Howard Fried ..... Sword & Mask
3. William Durrett ..... Woodland

### Open Sabre (Woodland)

1. E. P. Quigley ..... Woodland
2. John Shelly ..... Akron YMCA
3. Charles Simonian ..... Woodland

### Open Epee (Case Gym)

1. E. P. Quigley ..... Woodland
2. Walter Henry ..... Woodland
3. Howard Fried ..... Sword & Mask

### Open Sabre (Case Gym)

1. E. P. Quigley ..... Woodland
2. Walter Henry ..... Woodland
3. D. S. Thompson ..... Woodland

### 3-Weapon Team (6 teams)

Won by Woodland "A" team (E. P. Quigley, foil; James Gosline, epee; Walter Henry, sabre).

### Open Foil (Akron YMCA)

1. John Shelly ..... Akron YMCA
2. Robert Boyajian ..... Akron YMCA
3. Madison Dods ..... Sword & Mask

## Washington, D. C.

by Harold Newton  
Division Secretary

The following are results of recent competitions:

### Novice Foil (11 entries)

1. William Snedegar ..... Y.M.C.A.
2. Maj. William Hamilton ..... Washington F. C.
3. Maj. Thomas Carhart ..... Washington F. C.

### Junior Sabre (7 entries)

1. Dr. Hugh Salzberg ..... Washington F. C.
2. Clark Joel ..... Y.M.C.A.
3. John Anspacher ..... Washington F. C.

### Mixed Foil Team (7 entries)

1. Trunrit-Bayer ..... Tri-Weapon (Balto.)
2. Stone-Joel ..... Y.M.C.A.
3. Herring-Echrardt ..... Tri-Weapon (Balto.)

### Junior Foil (8 entries)

1. Daniel Lyons ..... Y.M.C.A.
2. Capt. William McGarvey ..... Washington F. C.
3. Maj. Thomas Carhart ..... Washington F. C.

### Ladies Open Foil (4 entries)

1. Abbie Herring ..... Tri-Weapon (Balto.)
2. Jacqueline Cayer ..... Tri-Weapon (Balto.)
3. Mrs. Penny Newton ..... Washington F. C.

### Open Sabre-Messineo Prize (11 entries)

1. Harold Newton ..... Washington F. C.
2. Cpl. Rex R. Dyer ..... U. S. Army
3. Alphonse Sully ..... Washington F. C.



## Southern California

by Fred Linkmeyer  
Division Chairman

January and February were the months for the Senior and Intermediate Southern California Fencing Championships and the entry lists continued large and the general interest great. The following are the results of these competitions:

### Senior Epee—17 entries—at L. A. A. C.

1. Thomas Tarbet ..... Los Angeles A. C.
2. Del Reynolds ..... Los Angeles A. C.
3. Sewall Shurtz ..... Faulkner S. F.

### Senior Women—9 entries—at Faulkner's S. F.

1. Maxine Mitchell ..... Cavaliers
2. Polly Craus ..... Faulkner S. F.
3. Bernadine Meislahn ..... Faulkner S. F.

### Senior Sabre—10 entries—at Faulkner S. F.

1. Edward Carfagno ..... Los Angeles A. C.
2. Sewall Shurtz ..... Faulkner S. F.
3. Torao Mori ..... Los Angeles A. C.

### Intermediate Foil—25 entries—at Knights F.C.

1. Clayton Williams ..... Los Angeles A. C.
2. Frank Joyner ..... Cavaliers
3. Thomas Tarbet ..... Los Angeles A. C.

### Intermediate Epee—17 entries—

at Los Angeles F. C.

1. Frank Joyner ..... Cavaliers
2. Torao Mori ..... Los Angeles A. C.
3. S. H. Barden ..... Los Angeles A. C.

### Intermediate Sabre—25 entries—

at Pasadena YMCA

1. Sewall Shurtz ..... Faulkner S. F.
2. Hyman Kaplan ..... Hollywood A. C.
3. Sol Katz ..... Faulkner S. F.

Mr. Herman H. Boehme has opened a new fencing center in Los Angeles. Known as the Knights Fencing School, his group has been active in the Southern California AFLA events for several months. The address of the new school is 1645 Westmoreland Blvd.

## Maryland

by Calvert E. Schlick, Jr.  
Division Secretary

Our season is progressing nicely with thirty-three new fencers joining our ranks thus far. The following are the results of recent competitions:

### Prep Foil

1. William Strutton ..... Johns Hopkins
2. Joe Abel ..... Washington F. C.
3. Tom Auer ..... Johns Hopkins

### Women's Novice

1. Jacque Cayer ..... Tri-Weapon Club
2. Virginia Brown ..... International Y
3. Eloise Tilghman ..... Goucher College

### Women's Junior

1. Skip Scrivanich ..... International Y
2. Jacque Cayer ..... Tri-Weapon Club
3. Virginia Brown ..... International Y

### Junior Foil

1. Al Rose ..... Y.M.C.A.
2. Cal Schlick ..... Johns Hopkins
3. Charles McLaughlin ..... Johns Hopkins

### Junior Epee

1. Bob Erlanson ..... Johns Hopkins
2. Cal Schlick ..... Johns Hopkins
3. Matt Sciuillo ..... Y.M.C.A.

### Junior Sabre

1. Cal Schlick ..... Johns Hopkins
2. Fritz Machlup ..... Y.M.C.A.
3. Matt Sciuillo ..... Y.M.C.A.

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## New England

by Guido Pomodoro  
Division Secretary

Our Division is not only increasing in membership, but the caliber of our fencers is improving greatly. Coach Rene Peroy has permitted the use of the Harvard fencing gym for some of our meets, and Coach Salvatore Vitale is host at M.I.T. for the rest of our schedule. The following events have been held thus far:

### Novice Foil

1. Ed Washwell ..... Boston F. C.
2. David Thorndike ..... Boston F. C.
3. Eugene Williams ..... Brad Durfee

### Novice Sabre

1. George Younis ..... Boston U.
2. Al Weissman ..... Boston U.
3. J. MacCouaghy ..... Harvard

### Novice Epee

1. Eric Sollee ..... Harvard
2. Joseph Vera ..... Unattached
3. G. McNair ..... Harvard

### Junior Sabre

1. Eric Sollee ..... Harvard
2. Philip Gibber ..... M.I.T.
3. J. MacCouaghy ..... Harvard

### Junior Foil

1. Eric Sollee ..... Harvard
2. Ed Washwell ..... Boston F. C.
3. Phil Gibber ..... M.I.T.

## Western New York

by Sidney Schwartz  
Division Chairman

Fencing continues to grow in strength in the Western New York area. A new school added since the last news report is Nichols School for Boys, a private Prep School which will be coached by Sidney Schwartz. The University of Buffalo is having its best season in history, being undefeated so far in ten meets. The University has a 100 per cent membership in the A.F.L.A. and its members compete in all events.

### Results of A.F.L.A. Competitions:

#### 3-Weapon Individual

1. Sidney Schwartz ..... University of Buffalo
2. Peter Shea ..... Canisius College
3. Fulton Dye ..... Buffalo Fencers Club

#### Intermediate Foil

1. Anthony Buzzelli\* ..... Buffalo Jewish Center
2. Fred Washburn ..... University of Buffalo
3. Robert Green ..... Buffalo Fencers Club

#### Intermediate Epee

1. Robert Green\* ..... Buffalo Fencers Club
2. Paul Blackmon ..... U. of B. Alumni
3. Robert Starks ..... University of Buffalo

#### Intermediate Sabre

1. John Tremor\* ..... University of Buffalo
2. Sidney Schwartz ..... University of Buffalo
3. Al Goldsmith ..... University of Buffalo

#### Prep Foil

1. Herbert Lawrence\* ..... Buffalo Fencers Club
2. John Heacock ..... Fredonia Teachers College
3. Gene Reasleau ..... Fredonia Teachers College

#### Prep Epee

1. John Turner\* ..... University of Buffalo
2. Peter Huttenlocher ..... University of Buffalo
3. Jules Goldstein ..... Buffalo Jewish Center

#### Prep Sabre

1. Gunther Goldsmith ..... University of Buffalo
2. Norbert Reade ..... University of Buffalo
3. George Cohen ..... University of Buffalo

#### Women's Intermediate

1. Vicky Coppola ..... Buffalo Jewish Center
2. Edna Lawrence ..... Delaware Y.M.C.A.
3. Fran Breton ..... Buffalo Jewish Center

\*Each of these events required a fence-off to determine the winner.

## Illinois

by Donald G. Thompson  
Division Chairman

Illinois defeated Wisconsin 20-7 in a dual meet held at Milwaukee. The Illinois foil team of Strauss, Velasco and Roth defeated Fitzsimmons, Zeisig and Green, 5-4; Thompson, Tiefenbach and Rose beat Lund, Thomas and Lukazewski 7-2 in epee; Westley, Nakagawa and Grange beat Meyer, Corzine and Waisbrin 8-1 in sabre.

Divisional tournament results were as follows:

### Foil Team Competition

Won by Senn "A" team of Fixler, Kaufman and Velasco. Six teams competed.

### Foil Team Championship

Won by University Club "A" team of Fishman, Podlesak, Strauss and Thompson. Six teams competed.

### Sabre Team Championship

Won by University Club team of Westley, Nakagawa and Grange. Four teams competed.

### Epee Team Championship

Won by University Club (Rose, Strauss, Thompson and Tiefenbach) over Notre Dame (Duff, Conlon, McBride).

### Women's Prep—17 entries

1. Nancy Utsunomiya, 6-1 ..... University Club
2. Rosemary Ernst, 5-2 ..... Mundelein
3. Kazumin Yamashita, 5-2 ..... University Club

### Women's Open—6 entries

1. Sue Thompson ..... University Club
2. "Flip" Velandar ..... Chicago F. C.
3. Karen Hain ..... Chicago F. C.

### Women's Handicap

1. Kazumin Yamashita ..... University Club
2. Sue Thompson ..... University Club
3. Lillian Vondra ..... Chicago F. C.

### Prep Foil—14 entries

1. Conrad Sawiak ..... N'western U.
2. Lawrence Zeitlin ..... Unattached
3. Paul Mazmanian ..... Senn

### Novice Foil—21 entries

1. Bruce Bachman ..... Austin
2. Alvin Rose ..... University Club
3. Larry Kaufman ..... Senn

### Novice Foil—18 entries

1. Robert Persellin ..... N'western U.
2. Conrad Sawiak ..... N'western U.
3. Bruce Burkhart ..... N'western U.

### Open Epee—8 entries

1. Donald Thompson\* ..... University Club
2. Frank Tiefenbach ..... University Club
3. Bryan Duff ..... Notre Dame
4. Carl Roth ..... Chicago F. C.

\*Quadruple tie required two fence-offs.

### Mixed Foil Team—17 teams

Won by Sue Thompson and John Westley, with Ruth Pennie and Larry Kaufman a close second.

## Columbus

The following are results of recent competitions:

### Prep Foil (at Ohio State U.)

1. Richard Goss ..... 4-1
2. Karl Jaeger ..... 3-2 (16 vs.)
3. William Beans ..... 3-2 (17 vs.)

### Novice Sabre (at Ohio State U.)

1. Ted Hootman ..... 6-0
2. Marvin Perkins ..... 4-2
3. William Beans ..... 3-3

## New Jersey

by James Flynn

The Women's Novice Foil, held at Verona H.S., drew twenty-three entries. Miss Mildred Boyce of the Rhodes Academy went through undefeated, while Miss Marge Cappello, Paterson Teachers, lost only to the winner. Third place went to Miss Anne Drungis of Hunter College.

## SECOND OLYMPIC EPEE AND SABRE TRYOUTS

by Miguel A. de Capriles  
Captain, 1952 Olympic Team

All the veterans of the 1948 Olympic Epee and Sabre Teams who entered the tryouts on March 8 and 9 made it clear that they will be hard to displace in 1952. Ralph Goldstein was first in epee, with Jose de Capriles second and Norman Lewis fifth. In sabre, Jose de Capriles, George Worth and Tibor Nyilas led the field in that order, with Norman Armitage and James Flynn fourth and seventh.

Goldstein, in my opinion, was at the top of his game. He fenced more carefully than any other epeeist, but kept a steady pressure on his opponents and seldom missed a scoring opportunity. Jose de Capriles started poorly and improved as the competition progressed, but he could not catch Goldstein who finished the round-robin of fifteen with seven straight victories. Both Jose and Norman Lewis showed that they are at least a month away from top form; they set up their scoring chances with sound strategy and good timing, but then missed with the point. August von Munchhausen earned a brilliant third place, reminiscent of a similar performance in the Nationals about ten years ago. Ensign Paul Utterback, finishing fourth, bore out our judgment that he is the most promising young epeeist in years; he has been a consistent scorer in tough competition, and reliability is the most important asset of an international epee fencer. In the unofficial "point" system, prior to the application of the formula for equalizing scoring opportunities, Jose de Capriles has a wide lead with 30 points, Utterback is second with 17, and Goldstein and Lewis follow with 16 each.

Fourteen hours after the gruelling epee tryout, Jose de Capriles came back to an even tougher 18-man round-robin in sabre and finished first by a slim margin of touches over George Worth. Both Jose and George fenced beautifully and very steadily; while Tibor Nyilas, third, had a few let-downs in between his brilliant flashes of genius. Norman Armitage, as might be expected on the basis of his prior history of careful preparation for the major tournaments, was just good enough; he will undoubtedly lose some

of his excess weight, which tired him out toward the end, before the Nationals. There was considerable interest in young Alex Treves, former intercollegiate champion, who has spent over a year training in Italy; he showed some technical and considerable competitive improvement, but he is temperamentally erratic and needs a great deal of seasoning before he can be a reliable international performer. James Flynn, though erratic, showed better effectiveness than during the past few seasons. The quality of the sabre fencing was excellent, showing great improvement over the January tryouts, and was further enhanced by the participation of Colonel Umberto de Martino, national champion in 1949. Colonel de Martino, fencing **hors concours** at the unanimous request of the Olympic squad members, made a special trip from Washington at considerable personal inconvenience to help tune up our sabremen to the tempo and style of top-flight international fencing. On the point system, Nyilas leads with 36, Armitage and Worth follow with 31 and 30, and the rest of the field is far behind.

## Complete Results\*

## EPEE

(1) R. Goldstein 11-3; (2) J. de Capriles 9-5 (26 vs); (3) A. von Munchhausen 9-5 (27 vs); (4) P. Utterback 8-6 (28 vs); (5) N. Lewis 8-6 (29 vs); (6) M. Metzger 7-7 (27 vs); (7) J. Flynn 7-7 (29 vs); (8) K. Kapner 6-8 (27 vs); (9) E. Vebell 6-8 (30 vs); (10) A. Skrobisch 6-8 (31 vs, 27 for); (11) P. Makler 6-8 (31 vs, 26 for); (12) R. Derderian 5-9; (13) P. Moss 4-10 (34 vs); R. Dyer 4-10 (35 vs); (15) J. Sonnenreich 3-11.

## SABRE

(1) J. de Capriles 15-2 (44 vs)\*\*; G. Worth 15-2 (46 vs)\*\*; (3) T. Nyilas 13-4; (hors concours) U. de Martino 12-5; (4) N. Armitage 11-6; (5) A. Kwartler 10-7; A. Treves 9-8 (64 vs); (7) J. Flynn 9-8 (66 vs); (8) S. Gorlin 9-8 (68 vs); (9) N. Lazar 8-9; (10) H. Spector 7-10 (67 vs); (11) R. Blum 7-10 (70 vs); (12) P. Makler 7-10 (71 vs); (13) A. Spingarn 6-11 (68 vs); (14) W. Ritayik 6-11 (76 vs); (15) R. Ozol 4-13; (16) R. Parmacek 3-14; (17) P. Tishman 2-15.

\*Names in bold face indicate point winners.

\*\*Scores listed include de Martino bouts. If not counted, the first eight places would remain unchanged, with de Capriles 15-1, Worth 14-2, Nyilas 12-4, Armitage 11-5, Kwartler 9-7, Treves 9-7, Flynn 8-8 and Gorlin 9-7.

Western Olympic Tryouts  
for Women

by Edward Cartagno

Deputy Captain of Olympic Squad

The first two Western Olympic Tryouts for women were held at the Faulkner School of Fencing, Hollywood, on January 25 and February 15. National Champion Janice-Lee York, unattached, won both events and thereby kept up her perfect record in the four competitions which thus far count in the point system used to assist the Olympic Committee select the 1952 Team. Polly Craus and Bernadine Meislahn, of Faulkner, placed second and third in both tryouts, while Maxine Mitchell of the Cavaliers was fourth both times. The third tryout is scheduled for Friday, April 11 at 8 P.M., and will consist of a double round-robin of the top seven competitors in the first two events.

## First Tryout Results

York 9-1; Craus 9-1; Meislahn 8-2; Mitchell 7-3; Baxter 6-4 (26 vs); Watson 6-4 (28 vs); Hoblit 4-6; Nelson 3-7; Wodginski 2-8; Mason 1-9; VonKessel 0-10.

Fence-off: York d. Craus 4-2.

## Second Tryout Results

York 8-0; Craus 7-1; Meislahn 6-2; Mitchell 5-3; Hoblit 4-4; Baxter 3-5; Watson 2-6; Wodginski 1-7; Mason 0-8.

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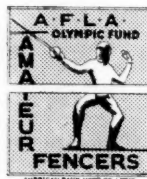
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## NATIONAL CALENDAR

## APRIL

- 4—No. Cal. Open Foil (Prelim.) 8 PM, Halberstadt S. F.  
No. Cal. Open Sabre, 8 PM, Woodland Center  
So. Cal. Open Epee Team, 8 PM, Los Angeles A. C.
- 5—Met. Women's Open Championship and Qualifying Round for National, 10:30 AM, Fencers Club  
Gulf Coast Open Sabre Team, 2 PM, Texas A. & M.  
Maryland Open Foil, 2 PM, Balto. YMCA  
No. Cal. Open Foil (finals) 8 PM, Halberstadt S. F.
- 6—Met. Epee-Sabre Team (Lyons Trophy), 12 noon, New York A. C.  
Wash. D. C. 3-Weapon Championship, 1 PM, YMCA
- 11—Western Olympic Women's Tryout, 8 PM, Faulkner S. F., Hollywood
- 12—Met. Open Epee Championship and Qualifying Round for National, 10:30 AM, Fencers Club  
Maryland 3-Weapon, 1 PM, Balto. YMCA  
No. Cal. Open Foil Team, 8 PM, Oakland YMCA
- 13—Met. Open Sabre Championship and Qualifying Round for National, 10:30 AM, New York A. C.
- 18—No. Cal. Open Sabre, 8 PM, Olympic Club  
So. Cal. Open Sabre, 8 PM, Los Angeles A. C.
- 19—Gulf Coast Women's Open, 2 PM, St. Joseph's School  
Gulf Coast Open Epee, 2 PM, Rice Institute  
Gulf Coast Open Sabre, 3:30 PM, Rice Institute  
Maryland Int. Foil (closed), 2 PM, Balto. YMCA
- 20—All Eastern 3-Weapon Team (Honeycutt Trophy), 12 Noon, New York A. C.  
No. Cal. Women's Open Team, 2 PM, Berkeley F. C.  
No. Ohio Foil Championship, 2:30 PM, Fenn College
- 25—No. Cal. Open Sabre Team, 8 PM, Olympic Club
- 26—Met. Open Foil Championship and Qualifying Round for National 10:30 AM, Fencers Club  
Gulf Coast Open Epee Team, 2 PM, U. of Houston  
Maryland Women's Int. (closed), 2 PM, Balto. YMCA
- 27—Met. Epee "Masters," 1 PM, Fencers Club  
Maryland Int. Epee (closed), 1:30 PM, Balto. YMCA  
Maryland Int. Sabre (closed), 3:30 PM, Balto. YMCA  
No. Ohio Epee Championship, 2:30 PM, Case Club  
Wash. D. C. Women's Open Championship, 1 PM, YMCA

## MAY

- 2—So. Cal. Women's Open Team, 8 PM, Faulkner S. F.  
So. Cal. Open Sabre Team, 8 PM, Faulkner S. F.
- 3—Southwest Championships, Texas A. & M.
- 4—Olympic Epee Tryout, limited entry, 10:30 AM, Fencers Club  
No. Ohio Sabre Championship, 2:30 PM, Woodland Center  
Southwest Championships, Texas A. & M.  
Wash. D. C. Open Epee Championship, 1 PM, YMCA
- 9—So. Cal. Greco 3-Weapon, 8 PM, Los Angeles A. C.
- 10—Olympic Women's Tryout, limited entry, 3 PM, Saltus-McBurney
- 11—Olympic Sabre Tryout, limited entry, 10:30 AM, New York A. C.  
Wash. D. C. Open Sabre Championship, 1 PM, YMCA
- 17—Olympic Foil Tryout, limited entry, 3 PM, Saltus-McBurney
- 18—Wash. D. C. Open Foil Championship, 1 PM, YMCA
- 23-25—Pacific Coast Championships, Los Angeles A. C.
- 24-25—Midwest Championships, Detroit

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## JUNE\*

- 13—Nat'l Women's Team Championship, 10 AM, Fencers Club  
Nat'l Three-Weapon Team Championship, 6:30 PM, Fencers Club
- 14—Nat'l Women's Individual, semi-finals, 10 AM, Fencers Club  
Nat'l Epee Team Championship, 4 PM, Fencers Club
- 15—Nat'l Epee Individual, semi-finals, 10 AM, Fencers Club  
Nat'l Women's Championship finals, 6:30 PM, Fencers Club
- 16—Nat'l Foil Team Championship, 10 AM, New York A. C.  
Nat'l Epee Championship finals, 6:30 PM, Fencers Club
- 17—Nat'l Foil Individual, semi-finals, 10 AM, New York A. C.  
Annual Meetings—Non Divisional 7 PM, AFLA 8 PM, Fencers Club
- 18—Nat'l Sabre Team Championship, 10 AM, New York A. C.  
Nat'l Foil Championship finals, 6:30 PM, New York A. C.
- 19—Nat'l Sabre Individual, semi-finals, 1 PM, New York A. C.
- 20—Nat'l Sabre Championship finals, 10 AM, New York A. C.  
Gala Night, 8 PM, Hotel Roosevelt
- 22—All Eastern Outdoor Epee (Santos Medals) 10:30 AM, Travers Island
- 29—All Eastern Outdoor Sabre (Mijer Medals) 10:30 AM, Travers Island

\*Hours and Places for National Championships subject to change.



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